

**In the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

In one embodiment, the agent is administered in an amount effective to reduce the platelet count to at least low normal levels if the subject has a normal platelet count prior to treatment. ~~In another embodiment, the agent is administered in an amount effective to reduce~~

Please delete the two paragraphs beginning on page 7, line 1 and ending on page 7, line 14.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

In a yet further aspect, the invention provides a sustained release device that comprises an agent that reduces platelet count in a subject, wherein the agent is released for at least 7 days. In one embodiment, the sustained release device further comprises [[a]] an agent for treating vascular disease or vascular complications. The [[an]] agent for treating vascular disease or vascular complications may be an anti-thrombotic agent but is not so limited. In one embodiment, the anti-thrombotic is selected from the group consisting of an anti-coagulant agent, a fibrinolytic agent and an inhibitor of platelet function.